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*Proclaiming Christ in word and action;
growing in care, love and service.*



The Grapevine

Newsletter of the Western Fleurieu Anglicans, Diocese of The Murray, SA



The wonders of creation speak of the glory of God's presence

This Sunday, September 1st, begins the Season of Creation, and is known as the World Day of Prayer for Creation, honouring God as Creator. But do we relate to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, or just as a resource to be used? God calls us to be stewards of His creation. Let this Season of Creation be a reminder not to sow seeds of destruction by our lack of concern for the earth that is our home. *(see p. 2)*



Sharing 28 years together.

Seaford Christian Churches celebrated its 28th birthday on 4th August 2024 (*see p. 4*) with a combined service of their Anglican, Lutheran, Catholic and Uniting Church/Church of Christ congregations, and an uplifting sermon by the Lutheran pastor.

Earlier known as the Pastoral District of Seaford, the Anglican congregation met for worship in a child care centre on Commercial Road, Seaford, before the building of what was then called Seaford Ecumenical Mission (SEM), where it was one of the founding congregations. In 2016 the Pastoral Districts of Seaford

and Southern Vales were combined and later, as a parish, our name changed to Western Fleurieu Anglicans.

With two worship spaces, meeting rooms, offices for the churches, and a café, SCC is able to provide outreach through such means as food assistance, an op shop and community dinners. It shows what churches can achieve working together.



Priestly prattle... from Fr Brenton

Spring is a season of new life. The ground warms up, tiny buds appear, and daylight continues to lengthen. First and foremost, spring is a time of new beginnings – or of rebirth. After winter’s hibernation, the Earth is ready to blossom once again. New life shoots through layers of last year’s leaves. Bare branches slowly regain their greenery. It is lovely to see new leaves appearing on my fruit trees and silver birch, the daisy bushes in the front budding to new colour. Planting in my veggie patch. We, too, might embody this energy of new beginnings. Perhaps we were sitting on a creative idea through the winter, or perhaps we were really and truly savouring the opportunity to rest. Now might be the time for us to start afresh – to jump into a new project or to adopt a new way of thinking or being. It is a time of growth – literally and energetically. Whereas autumn guides us to slow down and turn inwards, spring invites us to open up. The soil is fertile after having a winter of rest and replenishment. It is ready to create.

Taking pause to note and “plant” seeds of intention is a powerful practice for spring. This type of spring meditation invites us to become curious about our heart’s intent for the coming season. Where are we called to grow? What do we yearn for more of? Where do we want to expand or transform?

Whatever this season holds for you, may you meet it with care and curiosity. May you be held and nourished by the new life all around. Be warmed and nourished by the advent of spring with its promise of new life and abundance.

Father, in this season of renewal and growth, we thank you for the beauty of spring. May your light shine brightly in our lives, bringing forth new beginnings and blessings. Help us to embrace the freshness of this time, as we bloom and flourish in your love. Amen.

Blessings – The Vicar



Hope and Act for Creation

Season of Creation - September to 6th October 2024

Churches of all denominations around the world celebrate and pray for God’s precious and beautiful but groaning creation using the Season of Creation liturgy <https://seasonofcreation.org/about/>.

This year the theme is “Hope and act with creation”, with the symbol “the first fruits of hope”, inspired by Romans 8:19-25: *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

For the final Sunday, 6th October, Christians remember St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of nature, animals and people. St Francis’ path to solidarity with *all creation* (human and non-human world) began in prayer and opening his heart to God. He learned to see because he first learned to love - a deep love for Christ and his teachings. He and his followers chose to live a simple life that was contrary to the status quo, to be in tune with creation, to care for it and reach out to their neighbours.

May we, during the Season of Creation, be inspired by St Francis as we consider how to care for our local environment, changes we can make in our church, lives and in our homes. Importantly, we must speak out and be an advocate for Creation’s “freedom from bondage” so it can flourish as God desires and designed it to do. *For God has called us to act and hope.*

Some good resources

Season of Creation phone App with daily devotions from different Christian voices. Developed by Queensland Churches Environmental Network & Queensland Churches Together.

Common Grace [Season of Creation - Common Grace](#)

The Anglican Communion Environmental Network <https://acen.anglicancommunion.org/>

Simon Cocksedge, Samuel Dough and Nicholas Worssam, *Seeing Differently: Franciscans and Creation* (Canterbury Press 2021)

Sally Shaw

Read *The Grapevine* in colour, with photo supplement, on our Parish website, southernvalesparish.org

For your Diary .

September

Sun 1 st	Gold coin collection for PCW*s St Nicholas Fellowship meeting 1pm after shared lunch
Mon 2 nd	Mothers' Union SCC, 9.30am
Sun 8 th	ACH Yankalilla
Mon 9 th	WFA Council Christ Church, 4pm
Thurs 12 th	Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 14 th	Saturday Night Out, Willunga (see p. 8)
Sun 15 th	Walking With Jesus, Christ Church, 10am
Tues 17 th	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Fri 20 th	Quiz Night, St Ann's (see below)
Sat 21 st	Interfaith Prayer Service, SCC 10.30am (p. 4)
Sun 22 nd	Healing Service, Christ Church
Fri 27 th	Family Tea St Ann's, 6.30 for 7pm
Sun 29th	Combined service, Christ Church, 11am

October

Sun 6 th	Gold coin collection for PCWs St Nicholas Fellowship meeting 1pm after shared lunch
Thurs 10 th	Prayers for Peace St Ann's 11.15am
Sat 12 th	Sausage Sizzle, Quarry Market (see below) Saturday Night Out, Willunga
Sun 13 th	ACH Yankalilla
Mon 14 th	WFA Council St Ann's 4pm
Tues 15 th	Friends of St Ann's 4pm
Sat 19 th	Parish Jumble Sale, St Ann's 8.30-12.30
Sun 20 th	Walking with Jesus, Christ Church 10am
Fri 25 th	Family Tea, St Ann's 6.30 for 7pm

**PCWs
Pastoral Care Workers
(Schools Chaplains)*

And also,

- * **each Tuesday at St Stephen's, Willunga**
Meditation 9am
- * **each Wednesday at St Margaret's, McLaren Vale**
Holy Communion 9am, followed by Bible Study 10am
- * **and each Friday**
Meditation at Christ Church Yankalilla, 9.15—10am

St Ann's

FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER , 6.30 for 7 pm

Tickets still only \$10, but bring coins to participate in the games.

Book a table of 8, or come and join one.

BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Tickets from Pat Roper 0412 155 712



COMBINED SERVICE, CHRIST CHURCH, YANKALILLA

Sunday 29th September, 11am

Bring lunch and a drink to share, and a folding chair.

Lunch outside if the weather permits

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

at the Quarry Market, Willunga
to raise money for the Schools
Ministry ("Chaplains")

Saturday 12th October

Saturday 9th November

To help please contact
Anne 8556 5078



JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 19th OCTOBER 8.30-12.30
at St Ann's

Bric-a-brac
Plants
Books
Clothes
Jewellery
Devonshire Tea
Sausage Sizzle



.....and more!

News from St Nicholas', S.C.C., Seaford

August began with all congregations at SCC coming together once again to celebrate the 28th anniversary of our first service in the Ecumenical Centre in August 1996. The planning group representing all denominations put together a wonderful service of worship, praise, prayer, teachings and of course several hymns. The Large Worship Space (*Inparrila*) was full! We had to put out extra chairs to accommodate everyone. We all had an amazing time of worship, with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future. You could feel the power and energy in the room with so many people sharing in worship with their fellow Christians at SCC. The service was followed by an equally amazing shared lunch in the café area.



L-R:
Pastor Kevin Wood (Lutheran),
Fr Josy Sebastian (Catholic),
Rev Carol Chalmers (UC/CC)
Fr Ted Newing (Anglican)

Our service on the 11th August was again a "round table service" with prayer, song, scripture and reflection. Our theme - God our sustainer. We have continued to begin with tea/coffee and biscuits, an informal time before our service begins, encouraging people to participate and share their thoughts and prayers during the service.

At our healing service on the 18th August, we were blessed to have Father Chris Talbot step in when Fr Bob was unavailable to lead us in our worship. We are very fortunate in those who willingly offer their services to us. Unfortunately for the congregation and Fr Chris, not all things went to plan. The laptop, (which probably knew it

was being replaced!) had a hissy fit and would not allow the PowerPoint to be displayed. Quick thinking by Helen and others sorted hymn books with written versions of the service given out to those leading the service.

Our service on the 25th was led by Fr Peter Simmons. The new laptop behaved beautifully! Fr Peter gave a wonderful sermon challenging us to put on the Armour of God, be brave and go forth and spread the Good News. We could be like Solomon, in the old testament, who relied on the inheritance of his Father King David, or we could be strong in the Lord, rely on His word and act accordingly. Fr Peter did acknowledge that not everyone was able to do this but that we could all put on the spiritual armour and use the power of prayer to combat the bad and support the good. In



Fr Chris



Sunara and Bella

God's feeding us all, both physically and spiritually, we can see His love for His people, and the promise of eternal life through His son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.

Blessings Helen Cook and Jane Cuthbert

Cultivating a Culture of Peace
Interfaith prayer service at the Wirra,
SCC
Sat 21st Sept 10.30am-12 noon
to commemorate the
U.N. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



Di Best reports having received a receipt from Bronwen at BCA for money raised at the Christmas in July Concert at SCC, and asks me to include from it: *"Thank you for your generous support to help reach Australia for Christ. Your gift helps our Field Staff to go the distance to Reach Australia for Christ. Donation—General Ministry \$1,231."*

And that wasn't the end of it - a late donation from a member of the St Nicholas' congregation has actually raised the amount to \$1,241! Well done everyone!

News from Christ Church, Yankalilla

Liz Gordon-Mills reports on last month's "Walking With Jesus" service and the discussion that arose from it.

This month we discussed **COMPASSION**, the eighth topic this year in our series on the ways we can express the love of God in our lives, all taken from Paul's letter to the Romans. The virtue of compassion was seen in Romans 12:15: "Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep".

The Bible reading chosen to exemplify the compassion of Jesus was the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This story contains the shortest verse in the Bible, "Jesus wept", expressing Jesus' love for Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha.

We talked about the true meaning of compassion in contrast to sympathy or empathy. Compassion was seen as the deepest emotional feeling of these three because it implies a strong intention to relieve the suffering of others, whether that be emotional or physical suffering. Jesus is described in one of our hymns, "Love divine, all loves excelling" as "all compassionate", and this is truly seen in the way he healed people's sicknesses or relieved their hunger. We were also reminded of how Jesus was compassionate towards children, when the disciples tried to push them away, and towards women, who were often relegated to a very low status in that society.

The word compassion is often used loosely in our society. An article in the August edition (2024) of the *Australian Women's Weekly* has an article on compassion emphasizing compassion towards oneself first, then others. "Have a bubble bath" or "open the door for someone", while worthy acts of being considerate, seem rather trite when compared with real compassion! The roots of the word mean "to suffer with" or bear one another's burdens. Think of Jesus' words on the cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do".

Another remarkable act of compassion can be seen in the attitude of Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch woman who was caught hiding Jews from the Nazis in her house during the second World War (*The Hiding Place*, ISBN 978-1-4412-3288-5). She and her sister constantly expressed compassion towards their captors despite the inhumane treatment they gave.

How can we be compassionate to others in our lives? Sometimes it is most effective when we are just there for someone in times of need. At other times, words of sympathy or gentle encouragement can be appropriate. A short prayer together can work wonders. Gifts of food, helpful books, company or music can just touch the spot for people going through a difficult time.

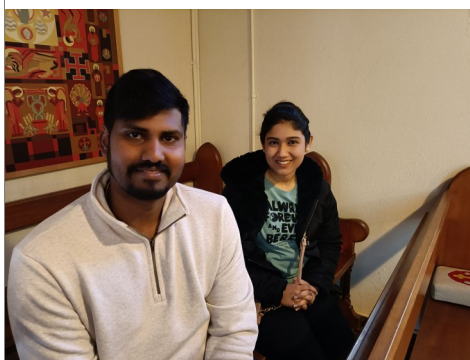
We also need to accept compassion graciously from others rather than trying to put on a brave face. Sometimes things people say may come across as unfeeling although said with the best of intentions to help us.

Liz

The next "Walking With Jesus" gathering will be on 15th September, on the subject of **Peace**. All welcome.

We are looking forward to the parish **Combined Service at 11am on September 29th** when we will be joined by parishioners from the other churches, with a shared meal afterwards. We are also starting already to plan for our **Strawberry Fete, which will be on November 30th**.

Christ Church is unique among our churches in that it regularly attracts visitors from Adelaide. People come and go; some for the service, some for private devotions, some as tourists. Their reasons for being at Christ Church may not be the reasons why most of our parishioners attend church, but it is nevertheless a holy place, where individuals can meet God in a way that has meaning for them. The "Pilgrim's Prayer Book" (an exercise book) and the message board at the front of the church bear witness to this – there are messages of faith, of gratitude, of petition, which have been put there during the week, and these messages are gathered up on Sunday, with thanks to God for the fact that the church can remain open all day. They are placed on the altar and blessed. Messages which are prayers of thanks – perhaps a visa granted to a relative, the birth of a baby, exams passed – or sad messages like that written on the ultrasound of a baby that had died in childbirth, asking for a blessing for him...stories happy and sad, poured out in prayer, and blessed again at the



Some come to visit the shrine in the garden. This young couple, Ajay and Deepti (L), from Clarence Park, came and joined our service. The Klemzig family below



(also see photo p. 15), who attend a Sikh temple on Glen Osmond Road, had travelled an hour's journey to spend time in the church, but didn't stay for the service. While the church was being prepared for the 11am service they had prayed and lit candles, inspired by the vision of the Virgin Mary cradling Jesus on her lap—a vision now almost entirely faded but memorialised by a painting on the wall.

Whatever the reason for these visitors, there is a real sense, I felt, that God meets them there.

AC

The beginning of August saw the departure of our much-loved Jo, who was returning to the UK. We will miss Jo's infectious humour and meaningful discussions, but wish her every happiness back in England. An E card sent on her arrival told us that she returned home safe and sound with Neil very happy to meet her at Gatwick. She added that the weather was a bit of a shock (32° in Baldock compared to our 10° C here!) She had never been more grateful to have air conditioning in her secondhand VW Bora whilst travelling back on the notorious M25! We are hoping to see both Jo and Neil again next February. Determined to get a photo of our congregation after Jo's last service with us, our intrepid photographer Anne took quite a while to get us all



placed as we are known to be a noisy lot who don't hear instructions easily. Those on their knees were tested as they waited patiently for the photo to be taken, but thankfully were able to get back up unaided.

That day we were pleased to have with us twelve members of the congregation of Fr Peter's new parish, St Martin's, Campbelltown. They were planning their first lay-led service and came to see and share our worship. We were invited back to their parish for the service, called their "Gathering", and on 25th August five from our congregation were delighted to join them. It is good to be able to share ideas and we hope to be able to continue and grow in this relationship.



Our visitors from St Martin's, Campbelltown
 Front: Heather Chapman, Sheila Robinson, Bev Rosser, Lyn Cook, Barbara Gomersall, Julie Tamblyn. Back: Greg Rosser, Kym How, Glenys & Kevin Channing

On the 20th August the Flinders University film students invited us back to participate in another scene from their film "Planet Caravan". Five of us went to Sellicks Beach and found we were more front and centre than anticipated. We were there for three and half hours while they filmed various scenes and gave us cameo roles. We'll be watching out for Julia Drought when we're invited to their opening! A highlight for us all was to sing happy birthday to Margaret Cale, who was celebrating her 75th birthday that

day. What made it so special was being able to celebrate with these young people whom we had only met a few weeks before. They were truly engaging and so friendly and mindful of us.

This month, a "Thank You" morning tea was held at Waverley Park Homestead in Willunga for those who help with St Ann's gardening. Mark Staniforth, Manager of Waverley Park Homestead, joined the gathering and spoke about the art exhibition currently on display, and their policy of collection. The gardeners had been discussing a possible change of workday and it was thought that Thursday morning from 8.30am would be a good option, with an opportunity to conclude with coffee with the choir.

Throughout our weekly services, our focus has been on Old Testament readings. For the Prayer, Praise & Proclamation (PPP) and Family Services we have discovered that what is old can be just as relevant today. The theme for our PPP, led by Trish Frith, was "Receiving Wisdom as a Gift", and was based on the Old Testament Reading from 1 Kings, where King David's 40-year reign concludes with his death and he is succeeded by his son Solomon. God appears to Solomon in a dream and asks him what gift he would like. Solomon's response included "Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong." God, pleased by this request, responds " . . . I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one

else has had or ever will have! And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! . . . And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.” How we need all of the world’s leaders to follow Solomon’s example here.

Before her message at the Family Service, Anne Chittleborough focussed on the issues by conducting a quiz, suggesting various options that Solomon might have chosen at successive points in his interaction with God. Then Pat Roper read the Scripture passage, and Anne presented a thoughtful elucidation of it, which concluded that wisdom comes from a relationship with God. It is a gift God offers if we ask for it, not something to build up our personal comfort and wellbeing but something to advance God’s kingdom and his purpose, and he expects us to use that gift in obedience to him.

Our prayers of intercession, led by Barbara Walter, also reflected current issues with such clarity that we thought we might share them, so here is a selection:

Lord God, we pray for all who lead us, at local level, in our nation, or on the world stage. May they be unafraid to admit their vulnerability, as Solomon was; may they seek wisdom above all things, not for their own good, but for the benefit of those they serve. Instead of self-seeking and empty rhetoric, may we have leaders with understanding, discernment, and good judgment.

Lord, grant us wisdom above all things.

In a world driven by social media, Lord Jesus, we pray for discernment in dealing with the conflicting messages we see there every day. May we have the wisdom to hold you as our example, rather than influencers in our lives; let there be no place for “fake it until you make it”. Lead us to come before you in all our vulnerability and insecurity; answer our prayer for wisdom above all things, kneeling before you as Solomon did.

Lord, grant us wisdom above all things.

Finally, Lord, grant us the wisdom to know how to pray. As we bow our heads in church or go forth into a new week with fresh challenges in our own homes and communities, may we have the insight to see where prayer is needed, the wisdom to use it and the understanding that you answer in your own time and manner. *Lord, grant us wisdom above all things. Amen.*

Fr Brenton, as always, presented thought-provoking messages on the readings from John’s Gospel which concentrated on Jesus, the bread of life. He challenged us to consider the type of bread we were eating today: the kind that sustains and nourishes or the kind that is tasty, but leaves us unsatisfied? He asked, “What is our appetite hungering after? If we want life, then we need to eat the bread of life”. May these thoughts help us reflect on the important things of life this month.



This month’s Family Tea was well patronized. It seems many of the cooks had the same idea of what to bring...2 cottage pies, 3 lemon meringue pies and 3 cakes were interspersed with a variety of other delicious dishes. Chris De Vries was celebrating his 70th birthday, so his wife Kay made his favorite cake and adorned it with candles. They made such a great blaze that Fr Peter, who was with us that evening, reached for the fire extinguisher!

We look forward to our Quiz Night on Friday 20th September. Tickets are selling already, Burda is preparing the questions, and Barbara is preparing another of her wonderful raffles. And on the 19th October we will once again be holding a Jumble Sale at St Ann’s. Helpers will be needed on the day and also on Thursday 17th for setting up.

If you have news of coming events or happenings in the Western Fleurieu Anglican area to share with the rest of the parish, please contact the Editor, Anne Chittleborough, at 23 Esplanade, Pt Willunga 5173, ph 8556 5078 or email machit5@bigpond.com.au, preferably by the 15th of September.

Please notify the Editor if you wish to avoid the chance of being mentioned in this newsletter.

St Stephen's, Willunga

The month of August saw a total of 9 worship services conducted at St Stephen's, including a Prayer, Praise & Proclamation Service on the third Saturday of the month and a Contemplative Service on the fifth Saturday.

However, the most memorable of these services was the first, which was a commemoration of the life and faithful witness of our Patron Saint, Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr. The altar frontal and eucharistic linens were changed to red for the occasion, as were Fr Brenton's vestments. The relevant lessons for the day were read, including the account from the book of Acts, of Stephen being stoned to death by an angry mob who accused him of blasphemy. After the service we marked the occasion with sparkling wine and *hors d'oeuvres*, although it must be said that the mood surrounding our celebrations was appropriately tempered by the sobering sight of the large stone that Fr. Brenton had placed on the altar for the duration of the evening.



Speaking of our regular services, it has been gratifying to see that the numbers of people attending our Meditation Service on Tuesday mornings have been growing. Perhaps our newcomers are attracted by the thought of going to a church service where it is guaranteed that the priest will remain almost entirely silent! Or perhaps it is the promise of morning tea after the service that entices? But regardless of whether it is the Iced VoVos or the muted priest that's responsible for our increased attendance levels, we have all enjoyed some very good Christian fellowship with our fellow Willungans on one cold Tuesday morning after another.

Throughout the month we continued to enjoy the

benefits of the public address system loaned to us by the folks at St. Ann's. It is no exaggeration to say that this system has made an enormous difference in the quality of the worship experience for most of the members of our congregation.

Speaking of congregation members, in August Phil Duguid was able to return to our midst after 5 weeks of recuperation from his recent hip surgery. On a less joyful note, after several months of regular worship attendance, Jo Parsons left us to go back to her home in the UK. She hopes to return in February to take her usual place sometimes in the first row of pews.



As a reminder, all are invited to join us on Saturday September 14th for our monthly Night Out as we visit the Hotel Willunga (alias the "middle pub") for dinner at 6.30pm, immediately after our weekly service at 5.30pm. Please do not contact Steve Banner if you plan to attend this event, as he (I) will be overseas until the end of September. A reservation for 15 people has already been made in the name of St Stephen's, so all you will need to do is show up at the pub at 6.30pm and join the group.

Steve Banner, Warden

ST STEPHEN'S SAYINGS

(from the sandwich board sign outside the church)

With inflation, the cost of living keeps going up. Without Jesus, the cost of dying never changes.

God is perfect, but Man makes mistakes.

Don't give up on God - even Moses was once a basket case.

News from St Margaret's, McLaren Vale

Hi,
August has been a lovely month with the weather becoming warmer and spring re-introducing itself with the blossoming smells of spring. There was even one Wednesday when Bible study was held outside in the Sunshine (see below. For an inside Bible study see p. 16.)



However just to keep us grounded we have had the usual drops in temperature and rain. (Appreciate the rain). As part of the potential of this time the line of jonquils in front of the church has been extended to cover the whole of the front and agapanthus have been planted along the fenceline at the entrance of the church and along the driveway. Thank you Br Simon.

The Gospels of August have concentrated on the bread of life, beginning with the feeding of the five thousand, progressing through Jesus' Statement that he is the Bread of Life which sustains all that feed on this true and living bread, and ending with many of his disciples finding it all too hard, and deserting Him. At St Margaret's this time was begun and ended with lay led Prayer, Praise and Proclamation, quite a challenge.

Jac always provides us with a memento to reinforce the messages taken on board at these times, and as usual has not failed us. For the feeding of the five thousand she provided a little tin of sardines with a small packet of little toasts and instructions to go and feed a crowd. For the last she gave us a small cardboard representative of a shield with a small peg to attach it to a cardigan or jacket, representing (from the letter to the Ephesians) putting on the full the armour of God, the spirit and word of the Lord. How blessed are we to have talents like these to assist our ministry!

Again this month we were privileged to celebrate a member of our congregation turning ninety. Eileen Cook is unable to attend church, however receives home

communion regularly. After church on 18/08/24 several of the congregation armed with card, bunting, a fish balloon (we wanted a 90s balloon), cake and sherry, descended on Eileen for an early celebration. At Greg's suggestion and with Julia's expertise with a camera we recorded the congregation singing Happy Birthday at the end of the service, and replayed it for Eileen, much to her delight and amusement. It was a lovely time of fellowship.

Thanks are due to Fr Bob for taking the service for us on the 11th, and as always thank you to all members of the parish who help in the upkeep of St Margaret's.

Judy Wells for Julia & the Congregation of St Margaret's.



Di and Rupert Best—makers of marmalades and jams, collectors of cans and bottles to raise money for mission, and the inspiration behind the Christmas in July concert (see p. 4) to raise money for BCA. Thank you, good people, on behalf of us all!

In as much...

Victoria McKee, Co-ordinator of volunteers at Aldinga Christian Care and Support Centre, was moved to speak to the congregation of St Ann's after the service earlier this month about the work of the Centre. Our churches give support weekly through groceries and/or cash given at church, and through helping at the Centre.

From the statistics for July 2023-June 2024 we see that our community is not immune from the hardship experienced in other parts of our country. The total number of clients seeking help from the Centre was 357 (as against 284 the previous year). Of these, 35 were new (compared to 22 new clients the previous year). 695 adults and 501 children were able to be helped.

In a letter to church leaders Victoria wrote:

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. The duties are simple but are currently being fulfilled by a small number of mainly older people and we would be delighted if more volunteers could offer help. This could be either at the Centre on Monday or Wednesday mornings, or collecting bread on our behalf each Wednesday from Baker's Delight, Seaford. The more help we have, the lighter the burden on those few currently working to provide for those in need. With the rising costs, this vital service is needed to help the many others in the community who are struggling to feed themselves and family. It is a way for the local churches to help practically and reach out to our community. All our food and cash donations come from contributing local churches, a few businesses and several individual community members. The Centre has rent and insurance costs on top of the money we need to maintain stocks of food. Please consider becoming involved and supporting this outreach work.

ROSEMANE FUNERALS
(Founders of English Rose Funerals)



0456 882 013
or
7516 1684


Rosemane Funerals

If anyone has a spare lawnmower (in working order) would they please consider donating it to the Parish Rectory at McLaren Vale?

Phone Judith 0411 502 218



Mothers Union Australia

Southern Vales Mothers Union

Members and friends met at St Ann's on August 4th for our monthly meeting. We were pleased to welcome Margaret Cale, who was able to join us for coffee between commitments. While we enjoyed cake and coffee President Trish Frith invited everyone to share something of their



L-R: Rosie O'Connor, Takoohi Baban, Helen Cook, Trish Frith, Lucy Creed, Jo Parsons, Doreen Rushbrook

experiences in the week past. These ranged from moving house, going to concerts, time with family, roses, planning a holiday, a special service at SCC, and for Takoohi, preparing for a move into a care home in Sydney. Sadly, it was Jo's last meeting with us before her return to the UK, and possibly Takoohi's last as well. We will miss them greatly.

After attending to the Finance Matters, Correspondence and general business our **Prayer & Reflection** time followed, with the lighting of the candle. The theme for the day was Christian Discipleship. After the conclusion of the service with the Blessing, Takoohi Baban kindly shared a box of exquisite Lindor chocolates - thanking us all for being her family and speaking of her sadness at having to leave us all.

The **Mary Sumner Day Service at Strathalbyn on 9th August** was attended by three of our members. Leaving home in a pea-soup fog it seemed we might be late getting there, but the fog lifted at the top of Willunga Hill and it proved to be a lovely day. Members had travelled from branches around the diocese to be there. The service was taken by Fr Daniel, our MU Chaplain. After lunch we had a challenging address by a representative of AC Care Murray Bridge, who spoke about their work with the homeless and the many issues that had to be resolved to find people a home. Cleaning items were donated by members towards this wonderful work.

Next meeting 2nd September at St Nicholas', Seaford.



Snippets from Parish Council, August 2024

The Administrator was able to be present and outlined the national **Hope 25** Programme involving dioceses from around Australia. The Diocese of The Murray will be involved through activities on the river, with kayaks and motorboats, and raising financial support for those working with youth suicide.

Our Diocese now has a fully functional Diocesan Council, with triennially-appointed positions filled.

Fr Brenton reported four funerals in the past month. Fr Chris Talbot now had a PTO and would help with services now and then.

Bishop Keith and Alison had attended one of the parish services.

Fr Brenton asked that if there was an occasion where someone specifically requested a visit from a priest rather than a lay visit, that they let him know.

The Secretary reported that everyone was up to date with Safe Ministry requirements. Two people had elected to opt out of positions requiring Safe Ministry qualifications.

The Treasurer reported that the improvement in our financial situation (*see graphs*) was due to our having only one stipend to meet at the present time. Property valuations: balancing the costs and benefits of insurance always needs consideration. Recommended: to increase our property valuations by 5%.

From the churches:

Christ Church was considering having a shared meal after church on the 4th Sundays, and hope they might be able to include pilgrims visiting the church and shrine in this.

St Ann's: Services normally 35-40 people. Confidence in taking roles growing slowly but surely with people prepared to step in where needed. There had been two funerals, one with 85 people: a very full church.

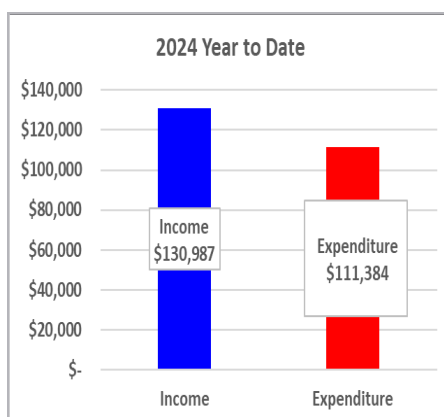
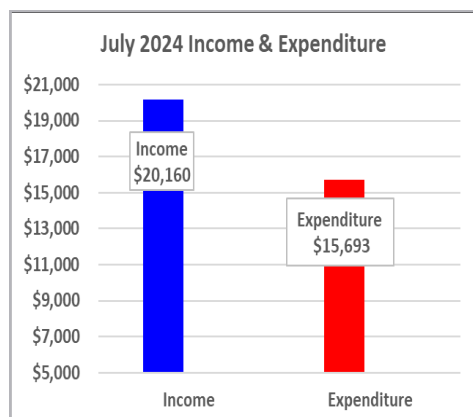
St Margaret's reported trees on the side of the church cut back, and agapanthus planted along the driveway. Greg had started getting quotes on repair of the driveway, and was looking at the implications and maintenance of using different road surfaces. The Rectory lawnmower is broken and needs to be replaced (*see p. 10*)

St Stephen's had a new church sign. Numbers at services had gone up. 20 at the Saturday pub night. Meditation services also growing, with the St Ann's Garden team considering working at a different time to free members up to attend them. A whiteboard with messages in front of the church attracting attention.

St Nicholas' A much-needed new computer was on order. The time of the Fellowship meetings was going to change to the first Sunday from 1st September, following shared lunch, and being an official meeting.

The 28th Anniversary of SCC (SEM) on 4th August had been a very good service, well-attended, with basically only standing room in the large worship space.

Br Simon spoke of a plan to have teleconference centres in each parish, enabling leaders to run educative sessions from their parish to centres around the Diocese, saving time, travel costs and accommodation costs. It would also be possible to hook into national resources.



This Month's Readings: Year B

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—1st September—Song of Songs 2: 8-13—
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9—James 1:17-27—Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—8th September—Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9,22-23—Psalm
125—James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17—Mark 7:24-37

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—15th September—Proverbs 1:20-33—Psalm 19—
James 2:18-26—Mark 8:27-38

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—22nd September—Proverbs 31:10-31—Psalm 1—
James 3:1-12—Mark 9:30-37

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—29th September—Esther 7:1-6—Psalm 124—
James 5:12-20—Mark 9:38-50

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—6th October—Job 1:1, 2:1-10—Psalm 26—Hebrews
1:1-4, 2:5-12—Mark 10:2-16

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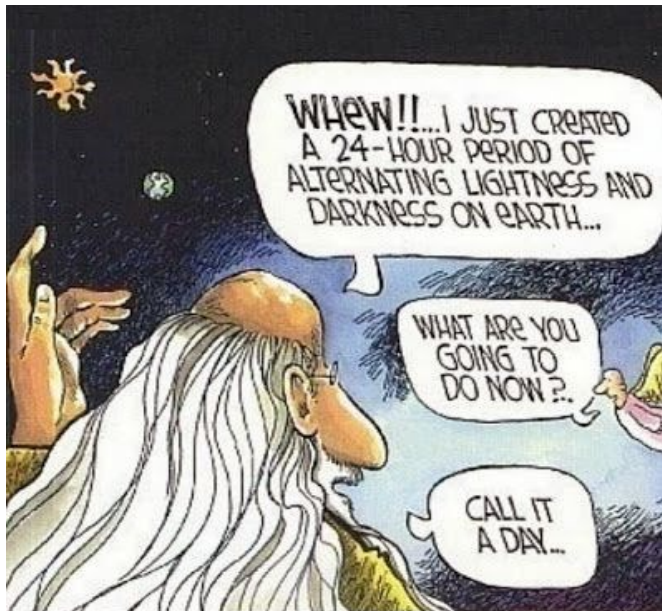
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Service times & contact details

St Margaret's, 99 Main Road McLaren Vale

Sunday: 10.30 am

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Wardens:

Judith Wells

Julia Drought 0432 366 899

St Stephen's, 10 St Andrews Tce, Willunga

Saturday: 5.30 pm

Wardens:

Susan Smith 0416 799 965

Steve Banner 0404 163 940

St Ann's, 7 Stonehouse Lane, Aldinga

Sunday: 9 am

Wardens:

Julianne Bates 0422 817 169

Brian McMillan 8557 6984

St Nicholas', Seaford, Seaford Christian Churches
cnr Main St and Grand Blvd, Seaford

Sunday 10.30 am

Fifth Sundays in the month: a 10am

combined Ecumenical service with the
Uniting Church and the Church of Christ.

Wardens:

Jane Cuthbert 0407 651 606

Helen Cook 0427 679 787 or 8386 3689

Christ Church, Yankalilla

1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays – 11.00 am

3rd Sunday – 10.00am Church Hall

"Walking with Jesus"

5th Sunday – Combined Service

(see notice board)

Wardens:

Belinda Rosser 0411 591 628

Peter Filsell 0427 534 095

St James', Delamere

No scheduled services.

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*Where there is a 5th Sunday in a month,
(as in September), service times are
likely to be different.*

*Watch "For Your Diary" (p. 3) and/or check
pewsheets/noticeboards/website
for details.*

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St Ann's, Aldinga (see p. 7)



All those candles!



A glorious evening and a bright star were photographed by Glen (Southern Brotherhood) on the evening of the Family Tea.



Chris, Kay and the cake



*Visiting Fr Peter at St Martin's Campbelltown,
Barry and Julianne Bates.
Background: a painting by Australian artist Siv
Grava, hanging in Fr Peter's office.*

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St Ann's Aldinga

(see p. 4)

Filming at Sellicks Beach



Julia Drought, film star!

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Christ Church, Yankalilla
(see p. 5)



Rupinder Singh, Amandeep Kaur, Jasleen Kaur, Agampreeet Kaur and Gurbaj Singh with Fr Brenton and Belinda before the 11am service.



A generous collection of groceries blessed for the 5CY Community Pantry to help those doing it tough.

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St Margaret's, McLaren Vale
(see p. 9)



*Not all Bible studies can be held in the
sun.*

*Knowledge, ideas and insights shared
open new doors to understanding.*